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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONALISM AND MAKING TECHNICAL
CHANGES TO STATUTES CONCERNING MUNICIPAL TAX
COLLECTION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 4-124j of the 2014 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) There shall be nine regional councils of governments in this state,
5 for all purposes for which they are constituted, that shall comprise the
6 towns that are set forth as follows:

7 (1) Capitol Region: Andover, Avon, Berlin, Bolton, Canton,
8 Columbia, Coventry, East Hartford, Ellington, Farmington,
9 Glastonbury, Hartford, Hebron, Manchester, Mansfield, Marlborough,
10 New Britain, Newington, Plainville, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, Somers,
11 Southington, South Windsor, Stafford, Suffield, Tolland, Vernon, West
12 Hartford, Wethersfield, Willington, Windsor and Windsor Locks;

13 (2) Greater Bridgeport: Bridgeport, Easton, Fairfield, Monroe,

14 Stratford and Trumbull;

15 (3) Naugatuck Valley: Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethlehem, Derby,
16 Middlebury, Naugatuck, Oxford, Prospect, Seymour, Southbury,
17 Shelton, Thomaston, Waterbury, Wolcott and Woodbury;

18 (4) Northeastern Connecticut: Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury,
19 Chaplin, Eastford, Hampton, Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam,
20 Scotland, Sterling, Thompson, Union, Voluntown and Woodstock;

21 (5) Northwestern Connecticut: Barkhamsted, Canaan, Colebrook,
22 Cornwall, Goshen, Hartland, Harwinton, Kent, Litchfield, Morris, New
23 Hartford, Norfolk, North Canaan, Roxbury, Salisbury, Sharon,
24 Torrington, Warren, Washington, Winsted and Winchester;

25 (6) Lower Connecticut River Valley: Chester, Clinton, Cromwell,
26 Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam,
27 Killingworth, Lyme, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Lyme, Old
28 Saybrook, Portland and Westbrook;

29 (7) Southeastern Connecticut: Bozrah, Colchester, East Lyme,
30 Franklin, Griswold, City of Groton, Town of Groton, Lebanon,
31 Ledyard, Lisbon, Montville, New London, North Stonington, Norwich,
32 Preston, Salem, Sprague, Stonington, Stonington Borough, Waterford
33 and Windham;

34 (8) South Central: Bethany, Branford, East Haven, Guilford,
35 Hamden, Madison, Meriden, Milford, New Haven, New Milford,
36 Newtown, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, Redding,
37 Ridgefield, Sherman, Wallingford, West Haven and Woodbridge; and

38 (9) Southwestern Connecticut: Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield,
39 Danbury, Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, New Fairfield, Norwalk,
40 Weston, Westport and Wilton.

41 (b) [Within any planning region of the state a regional council of
42 governments may be created by the adoption of sections 4-124i to 4-

43 124p, inclusive, by ordinance of the legislative bodies of not less than
44 sixty per cent of all towns, cities and boroughs within such planning
45 region entitled to membership on such council as hereinafter
46 provided.] All towns, cities and boroughs within a planning region
47 shall be entitled to membership on [such] a regional council of
48 governments, including any city or borough with boundaries not
49 coterminous with the boundaries of the town in which it is located.
50 Any nonmember town, city or borough entitled to membership may
51 join [the] a council in subsection (a) of this section by the adoption of
52 [said] sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, by ordinance of its legislative
53 body. Any member town, city or borough may withdraw from [the] a
54 council in subsection (a) of this section by adoption of an appropriate
55 ordinance of its legislative body to become effective on the date of such
56 adoption; provided, however, that any such withdrawing member
57 shall be obligated to pay its pro rata share of expenses of operation and
58 pro rata share of funds committed by the council to active programs as
59 of such date of withdrawal.

60 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 2-79a of the 2014 supplement to the
61 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
62 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

63 (a) There shall be a Connecticut Advisory Commission on
64 Intergovernmental Relations. The purpose of the commission shall be
65 to enhance coordination and cooperation between the state and local
66 governments. The commission shall consist of the president pro
67 tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the
68 minority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the House of
69 Representatives, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
70 the Commissioners of Education, Energy and Environmental
71 Protection, and Economic and Community Development, or their
72 designees, and sixteen additional members as follows: (1) Six
73 municipal officials appointed by the Governor, four of whom shall be
74 selected from a list of nominees submitted [to him] by the Connecticut
75 Conference of Municipalities and two of whom shall be selected from a

76 list submitted by the Council of Small Towns. Two of such six officials
77 shall be from towns having populations of twenty thousand or less
78 persons, two shall be from towns having populations of more than
79 twenty thousand but less than sixty thousand persons and two shall be
80 from towns having populations of sixty thousand or more persons; (2)
81 two local public education officials appointed by the Governor, one of
82 whom shall be selected from a list of nominees submitted [to him] by
83 the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education and one of whom
84 shall be selected from a list submitted by the Connecticut Association
85 of School Administrators; (3) one representative of a regional council
86 of governments or a regional planning agency appointed by the
87 Governor; [from a list of nominees submitted to him by the Regional
88 Planning Association of Connecticut;] (4) five persons who do not hold
89 elected or appointed office in state or local government, one of whom
90 shall be appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be appointed
91 by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be
92 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of
93 whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate and one
94 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of
95 Representatives; (5) one representative of the Connecticut Conference
96 of Municipalities appointed by said conference; and (6) one
97 representative of the Council of Small Towns appointed by said
98 council. Each member of the commission appointed pursuant to
99 subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, shall serve for a term of two years. All
100 other members shall serve for terms [which] that are coterminous with
101 their terms of office. The Governor shall appoint a chairperson and a
102 vice-chairperson from among the commission members. Members of
103 the General Assembly may serve as gubernatorial appointees to the
104 commission. Members of the commission shall not be compensated for
105 their services but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred
106 in the performance of their duties.

107 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 2-79a of the 2014 supplement to the
108 general statutes, as amended by section 252 of public act 13-247, is

109 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
110 *January 1, 2015*):

111 (a) There shall be a Connecticut Advisory Commission on
112 Intergovernmental Relations. The purpose of the commission shall be
113 to enhance coordination and cooperation between the state and local
114 governments. The commission shall consist of the president pro
115 tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the
116 minority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the House of
117 Representatives, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
118 the Commissioners of Education, Energy and Environmental
119 Protection, and Economic and Community Development, or their
120 designees, and sixteen additional members as follows: (1) Six
121 municipal officials appointed by the Governor, four of whom shall be
122 selected from a list of nominees submitted [to him] by the Connecticut
123 Conference of Municipalities and two of whom shall be selected from a
124 list submitted by the Council of Small Towns. Two of such six officials
125 shall be from towns having populations of twenty thousand or less
126 persons, two shall be from towns having populations of more than
127 twenty thousand but less than sixty thousand persons and two shall be
128 from towns having populations of sixty thousand or more persons; (2)
129 two local public education officials appointed by the Governor, one of
130 whom shall be selected from a list of nominees submitted [to him] by
131 the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education and one of whom
132 shall be selected from a list submitted by the Connecticut Association
133 of School Administrators; (3) one representative of a regional council
134 of governments appointed by the Governor; [from a list of nominees
135 submitted to him by the Regional Planning Association of
136 Connecticut;] (4) five persons who do not hold elected or appointed
137 office in state or local government, one of whom shall be appointed by
138 the Governor, one of whom shall be appointed by the president pro
139 tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker
140 of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be appointed by
141 the minority leader of the Senate and one of whom shall be appointed

142 by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; (5) one
143 representative of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities
144 appointed by said conference; and (6) one representative of the
145 Council of Small Towns appointed by said council. Each member of
146 the commission appointed pursuant to subdivisions (1) to (6),
147 inclusive, of this subsection shall serve for a term of two years. All
148 other members shall serve for terms which are coterminous with their
149 terms of office. The Governor shall appoint a chairperson and a vice-
150 chairperson from among the commission members. Members of the
151 General Assembly may serve as gubernatorial appointees to the
152 commission. Members of the commission shall not be compensated for
153 their services but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred
154 in the performance of their duties.

155 Sec. 4. Section 16a-4c of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes
156 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
157 *January 1, 2015*):

158 (a) On or before January 1, [2014] 2015, and at least every twenty
159 years thereafter, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
160 within available appropriations, and in consultation with regional
161 [planning organizations, as defined in section 4-124i] councils of
162 governments organized pursuant to the provisions of sections 4-124i to
163 4-124p, inclusive, the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, the
164 Connecticut Council of Small Towns, the Commissioner of
165 Transportation and the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint
166 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
167 matters relating to planning and development, shall conduct an
168 analysis of the boundaries of logical planning regions designated or
169 redesignated under section 16a-4a. As part of such analysis, the
170 secretary shall evaluate opportunities for coordinated planning and
171 the regional delivery of state and local services. Such analysis shall
172 include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of (1) economic regions,
173 including regional economic development districts established
174 pursuant to chapter 588ff; (2) comprehensive economic development

175 strategies developed by such regional economic development districts;
176 (3) labor market areas and workforce investment regions; (4) natural
177 boundaries, including watersheds, coastlines, ecosystems and habitats;
178 (5) relationships between urban, suburban and rural areas, including
179 central cities and areas outside of the state; (6) census and other
180 demographic information, including areas in the state designated by
181 the United States Census Bureau as urbanized areas and urbanized
182 clusters; (7) political boundaries, including municipal boundaries and
183 congressional, senate and assembly districts; (8) transportation
184 corridors, connectivity and boundaries, including the boundaries of
185 metropolitan planning agencies; (9) current federal, state and
186 municipal service delivery regions, including, but not limited to,
187 regions established to provide emergency, health, transportation or
188 human services; and (10) the current capacity of each regional
189 planning organization to deliver diverse state and local services and to
190 comply with the requirements of any relevant federal transportation
191 authorizing acts. Such analysis shall also establish a minimum size for
192 logical planning areas that takes into consideration the number of
193 municipalities, total population, total square mileage and whether a
194 proposed planning region will have the capacity to successfully deliver
195 sophisticated planning activities and regional services. Such analysis
196 shall consider designating rural regions in areas of the state that do not
197 have urbanized areas. The secretary may enter into such contractual
198 agreements as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this
199 subsection. On or before October 1, 2013, said secretary shall submit a
200 report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing
201 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
202 concerning planning and development. Such report shall provide the
203 status of the analysis required pursuant to this subsection.

204 [(b) Any two or more contiguous planning regions that contain a
205 total of fourteen or more municipalities and voluntarily consolidate to
206 form a single planning region shall be exempt from redesignation
207 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, provided the Secretary of the

208 Office of Policy and Management formally redesignates such planning
209 regions prior to January 1, 2014. The secretary may, in his or her
210 discretion, waive the requirement that such redesignated planning
211 region contain a total of fourteen or more municipalities.

212 (c) (1) The secretary shall, not later than January 1, 2014, notify the
213 chief executive officer of each municipality located in a planning
214 region in which the boundaries are proposed for redesignation. If the
215 legislative body of the municipality objects to such proposed
216 redesignation, the chief executive officer of the municipality may, not
217 later than thirty days after the date of receipt of the notice of
218 redesignation, petition the secretary to attend a meeting of such
219 legislative body. The petition shall specify the location, date and time
220 of the meeting. The meeting shall be held not later than sixty days after
221 the date of the petition. The secretary shall make a reasonable attempt
222 to appear at the meeting, or at a meeting on another date within the
223 sixty-day period. If the secretary is unable to attend a meeting within
224 the sixty-day period, the secretary and the chief executive officer of the
225 municipality shall jointly schedule a date and time for the meeting,
226 provided such meeting shall be held not later than two hundred ten
227 days after the date of the notice to the chief executive officer. At such
228 meeting, the legislative body of the municipality shall inform the
229 secretary of the objections to the proposed redesignation of the
230 planning area boundaries. The secretary shall consider fully the oral
231 and written objections of the legislative body and may redesignate the
232 boundaries. Not later than sixty days after the date of the meeting, the
233 secretary shall notify the chief executive officer of the determination
234 concerning the proposed redesignation. The notice of determination
235 shall include the reasons for such determination. As used in this
236 subsection, "municipality" means a town, city or consolidated town
237 and borough; "legislative body" means the board of selectmen, town
238 council, city council, board of alderman, board of directors, board of
239 representatives or board of the warden and burgesses of a
240 municipality; and "secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of

241 Policy and Management or the designee of the secretary.]

242 [(2)] (b) Any revision to the boundaries of a planning area, based on
243 the analysis completed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section or due
244 to a modification by the secretary in accordance with this subsection,
245 shall be effective on January 1, 2015.

246 Sec. 5. Subsection (c) of section 13a-98n of the 2014 supplement to
247 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
248 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

249 (c) The Department of Transportation shall accept applications for
250 such state funding from any eligible recipient, based on project
251 priorities, through the appropriate regional [planning agency] council
252 of governments. Any such state funding shall be provided to the
253 recipient through guidelines developed by the Department of
254 Transportation.

255 Sec. 6. Subsection (i) of section 12-157 of the 2014 supplement to the
256 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
257 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

258 (i) (1) If the sale realizes an amount in excess of the amount needed
259 to pay all delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, fees, and costs, the
260 amount of the excess shall be held in an interest-bearing escrow
261 account separate from all other accounts of the municipality. (A) If the
262 property is redeemed prior to the expiration of the redemption period,
263 the amount held in escrow shall, within ten days of the tax collector
264 receiving notice of redemption, be turned over to the purchaser. Any
265 interest earned shall be the property of the municipality. (B) If the
266 property is not redeemed in the redemption period, the amount held
267 in escrow may be used to pay the delinquent taxes, interest, penalties,
268 fees and costs on the same or any other property of the taxpayer,
269 including personal property and motor vehicles. In the case of
270 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, the tax collector shall, within ten
271 days of the expiration of the redemption period, pay to the clerk of the

272 court for the judicial district in which the property is located the
273 amount held in escrow remaining after paying the delinquent taxes,
274 interest, fees, penalties and costs owed by the taxpayer to the
275 municipality. The tax collector shall, within five days of the payment,
276 provide notice to the delinquent taxpayer, any mortgagee, lienholder,
277 or other encumbrancer of record whose interest in such property is
278 choate and is affected by the sale, by certified mail, return receipt
279 requested of the name and address of the court to which the moneys
280 were paid, the person's right to file an application with the court for
281 return of said money, and the amount of money paid to the court.

282 (2) If the tax collector pays to the court any moneys pursuant to
283 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the delinquent
284 taxpayer, any mortgagee, lienholder or other encumbrancer whose
285 interest in such property is choate and is affected by the sale may,
286 within ninety days of the date the tax collector paid the moneys to the
287 court, file an application with the court for return of the proceeds. Any
288 person may make an application for payment of moneys deposited in
289 court as provided for in this subsection to the superior court for the
290 judicial district in which the property that is the subject of the
291 proceedings referred to is located, or if said court is not in session to
292 any judge thereof, for a determination of the equity of the parties
293 having an interest in such moneys. Notice of such application shall be
294 served in the same manner as to commence a civil action on all persons
295 having an interest of record in such property on the date the collector's
296 deed is recorded, provided the municipality shall not be a party to
297 such action without its consent. The court or judge upon such motion
298 or upon its own motion may appoint a state referee to hear the facts
299 and to make a determination of the equity of the parties in such
300 moneys. Such referee, after providing at least ten days' notice to the
301 parties interested of the time and place of hearing, shall hear the
302 applicant and any parties interested, take such testimonies as such
303 referee deems material and determine the equities of the parties having
304 a record interest in such moneys and immediately report to the court

305 or judge. The report shall contain a detailed statement of findings by
306 the referee, sufficient to enable the court to determine the
307 considerations upon which the referee based his conclusions. The
308 report may be rejected for any irregular or improper conduct in the
309 performance of the duties of such referee. If the report is rejected, the
310 court or judge shall appoint another referee to make such
311 determination and report. If the report is accepted, such determination
312 of the equities shall be conclusive upon all parties given notice of such
313 hearing, subject to appeal to the Appellate Court. If no appeal to the
314 Appellate Court is filed within the time allowed by law, or if one is
315 filed and the proceedings have terminated in a final judgment
316 determining the amount due to each party, the clerk shall send a
317 certified copy of the statement of compensation and of the judgment to
318 the prevailing party or parties, as the case may be, which shall, upon
319 receipt thereof, pay such parties the amount due them as
320 compensation.

321 (3) If no application is filed with the court, any moneys held by the
322 court shall escheat to the state pursuant to the provisions of part III of
323 chapter 32.

324 Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 12-130 of the 2014 supplement to the
325 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
326 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

327 (b) The mill rate to be inserted in the statement of state aid to
328 municipalities required by subsection (a) of this section shall be
329 computed on the total estimated revenues required to fund the
330 estimated expenditures of the municipality exclusive of assistance
331 received or anticipated from the state.

332 Sec. 8. Section 390 of public act 13-247 is repealed and the following
333 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

334 Sections 4-124c to 4-124f, inclusive, 4-124h, 4-124m, [4-124o,] 8-31a,
335 8-32a, 8-33a, 8-34a, 8-36a, 8-37a and 8-37b of the general statutes are

336 repealed.

337 Sec. 9. Section 4-124o of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes
338 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
339 *October 1, 2014*):

340 [The planning duties and responsibilities of a regional council of
341 governments, including the making of a plan of development pursuant
342 to section 8-35a, may be carried out by the council or a regional
343 planning commission, acting on behalf of and as a subdivision of the
344 council.] A regional council of governments may, through its bylaws,
345 establish a regional planning commission to carry out the planning
346 duties and responsibilities of such regional council, including the
347 making of a plan of development pursuant to section 8-35a and the
348 issuance of advisory opinions where authorized or required by the
349 general statutes. Any such regional planning commission shall serve in
350 an advisory capacity and any recommendation from such regional
351 planning commission shall be endorsed by the regional council of
352 governments before becoming effective. Members of such regional
353 planning commission shall be appointed and shall serve in accordance
354 with the bylaws, provided fifty per cent of the members of such
355 regional planning commission shall serve concurrently as
356 commissioners of member planning commissions. Each member of
357 such regional council shall be entitled to a representative on the
358 regional planning commission who shall be an elector of such member.
359 [and on its planning commission. Such representative shall be
360 appointed by such planning commission, with the concurrence of the
361 appointing authority of such member. Each member may also appoint
362 an alternate representative who shall be an elector of such member and
363 who shall be appointed by its planning commission, with the
364 concurrence of the appointing authority of such member. Such
365 alternate representative shall, when the representative of the member
366 from which he or she was appointed is absent, have all the powers and
367 duties of such representative. Each regional planning commission
368 representative shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of such

369 commission but shall not otherwise be entitled to vote in the affairs of
370 the council. All matters referred to the council which by statute or
371 otherwise are required to be referred to and considered by a regional
372 planning agency shall be considered and commented upon by the
373 council or regional planning commission in accordance with
374 procedures recommended by such commission and adopted by the
375 council with the concurrence of such commission. The council shall
376 have the authority, at the request of a party having referred any such
377 matter to the council's attention, to review and revise, in whole or in
378 part, the comments and recommendations of the regional planning
379 commission as to such matter. If at any time the council is deemed a
380 regional council of elected officials under subsection (d) of section 4-
381 124l, the existence of such regional planning commission shall
382 terminate forthwith.]

383 Sec. 10. (*Effective July 1, 2014*) The sum of \$2,620,448 shall be
384 appropriated to the Department of Economic and Community
385 Development, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June
386 30, 2015, for the purpose of providing a grant to the Connecticut
387 Center for Advanced Technology as follows:

388 (1) The sum of \$559,250 for the purpose of developing a regional
389 data and disaster recovery center to (A) protect and store municipal
390 data at an off-site location so that such data is easily recoverable in the
391 event of an emergency or disaster; (B) provide dedicated information
392 technology staff and software to facilitate application sharing; and (C)
393 serve as an entry point for regional shared services;

394 (2) The sum of \$101,000 for the purpose of developing a pilot
395 program to allow up to six municipalities to store equipment in the
396 regional data and disaster recovery center in order to facilitate live
397 Internet streaming of municipal meetings. As part of such pilot
398 program, the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology shall
399 research less expensive and more mobile equipment alternatives for
400 municipalities to use to broadcast municipal meetings over the

401 Internet;

402 (3) The sum of \$603,500 for the purpose of developing an electronic
403 document management system pilot program for up to six
404 municipalities to (A) facilitate municipal conversion to electronic
405 information in lieu of paper documents and files; (B) streamline file
406 searches and storage; and (C) facilitate the long-term sharing of
407 systems and software services between municipalities;

408 (4) The sum of \$95,200 for the purpose of developing a voice over
409 Internet protocol pilot program to provide advanced communications
410 services, including web site and video conferencing, to up to six
411 participating municipalities;

412 (5) The sum of \$105,748 for the purpose of developing a hosting
413 services pilot program to provide customized, host software solutions
414 and a virtual environment on which to store data to up to seven
415 participating municipalities;

416 (6) The sum of \$405,750 for the purpose of developing a pilot
417 program in up to three municipalities to create software to coordinate
418 board of education and municipal payrolls with uniform charts of
419 accounts for boards of education and municipalities; and

420 (7) The sum of \$750,000 for the purpose of developing an online
421 portal for municipal human resources services. Such portal shall
422 include municipal wage and classification information and templates.

423 Sec. 11. Subsection (c) of section 4-124s of the 2014 supplement to
424 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
425 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

426 (c) (1) An entity specified in subsection (a) of this section shall
427 submit each proposal in the form and manner the secretary prescribes
428 and shall, at a minimum, provide the following information for each
429 proposal: (A) Service description; (B) the explanation of the need for

430 such service; (C) the method of delivering such service on a regional
431 basis; (D) the organization that would be responsible for regional
432 service delivery; (E) a description of the population that would be
433 served; (F) the manner in which regional service delivery will achieve
434 economies of scale; (G) the amount by which participating
435 municipalities will reduce their mill rates as a result of savings
436 realized; (H) a cost benefit analysis for the provision of the service by
437 each participating municipality and by the entity submitting the
438 proposal; (I) a plan of implementation for delivery of the service on a
439 regional basis; (J) a resolution endorsing such proposal approved by
440 the legislative body of each participating municipality; and (K) an
441 explanation of the potential legal obstacles, if any, to the regional
442 provision of the service.

443 (2) The secretary shall review each proposal and shall award grants
444 for proposals the secretary determines best meet the requirements of
445 this section. In awarding such grants, the secretary shall give priority
446 to a proposal submitted by (A) any entity specified in subsection (a) of
447 this section that includes participation of all of the member
448 municipalities of such entity, and which may increase the purchasing
449 power of participating municipalities or provide a cost savings
450 initiative resulting in a decrease in expenses of such municipalities,
451 allowing such municipalities to lower property taxes, [and] (B) any
452 entity specified in subsection (a) of this section that does not include
453 participation of all of the member municipalities of such entity, and
454 which may increase the purchasing power of participating
455 municipalities or provide a cost savings initiative resulting in a
456 decrease in expenses of such municipalities, allowing such
457 municipalities to lower property taxes, provided any award to such
458 entity shall be made pro rata based on the number of member
459 municipalities participating, and (C) any economic development
460 district.

461 Sec. 12. Subsection (c) of section 4-124s of the 2014 supplement to
462 the general statutes, as amended by section 254 of public act 13-247, is

463 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
464 *January 1, 2015*):

465 (c) (1) A regional council of governments or an economic
466 development district shall submit each proposal in the form and
467 manner the secretary prescribes and shall, at a minimum, provide the
468 following information for each proposal: (A) Service description; (B)
469 the explanation of the need for such service; (C) the method of
470 delivering such service on a regional basis; (D) the organization that
471 would be responsible for regional service delivery; (E) a description of
472 the population that would be served; (F) the manner in which regional
473 service delivery will achieve economies of scale; (G) the amount by
474 which participating municipalities will reduce their mill rates as a
475 result of savings realized; (H) a cost benefit analysis for the provision
476 of the service by each participating municipality and by the entity
477 submitting the proposal; (I) a plan of implementation for delivery of
478 the service on a regional basis; (J) a resolution endorsing such proposal
479 approved by the legislative body of each participating municipality;
480 and (K) an explanation of the potential legal obstacles, if any, to the
481 regional provision of the service.

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483 for proposals the secretary determines best meet the requirements of
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486 this section that includes participation of all of the member
487 municipalities of such entity, and which may increase the purchasing
488 power of participating municipalities or provide a cost savings
489 initiative resulting in a decrease in expenses of such municipalities,
490 allowing such municipalities to lower property taxes, [and] (B) any
491 entity specified in subsection (a) of this section that does not include
492 participation of all of the member municipalities of such entity, and
493 which may increase the purchasing power of participating
494 municipalities or provide a cost savings initiative resulting in a
495 decrease in expenses of such municipalities, allowing such

496 municipalities to lower property taxes, provided any award to such
 497 entity shall be made pro rata based on the number of member
 498 municipalities participating, and (C) any economic development
 499 district.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	4-124j
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	2-79a(a)
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	2-79a(a)
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	16a-4c
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	13a-98n(c)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	12-157(i)
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	12-130(b)
Sec. 8	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	PA 13-247, Sec. 390
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	4-124o
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	4-124s(c)
Sec. 12	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	4-124s(c)

Statement of Purpose:

To codify the nine regional councils of governments, to make technical and substantive changes to statutes concerning regional councils of governments, to make technical changes to statutes concerning municipal tax collection and to require the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology to conduct pilot programs recommended by the Regional Entities Subcommittee Back Office Working Group of the M.O.R.E. Commission.

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